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Maryland Receives Nearly \$6 Million in Clean Cities Grant Funding to Support Hybrid Electric Vehicles

Project will create over 200 new jobs, limit pollution and reduce the State's dependence on foreign oil

ANNAPOLIS, MD—Governor Martin O'Malley today announced that Maryland has been chosen as one of 25 cost-share projects under the Clean Cities program that will be funded with a portion of nearly \$300 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act announced this morning by Vice President Biden and U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Chu in Washington, D.C. Of the \$300 million, the Maryland Energy Administration will receive over \$5.9 million for the Maryland Hybrid Truck Goods Movement Initiative, which will purchase and deploy 150 new Freightliner hybrid electric vehicles and hydraulic hybrid vehicles designed to meet the operational demands of local goods movement fleets. The new American-made hybrid trucks are estimated to displace upwards of 460,000 gallons of petroleum per year, reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 262,610 lbs. per year and create a total of 205 fulltime jobs for workers in distressed local economies across the region.

"These grants represent the future of sustainable transportation," remarked Governor O'Malley. "It is part of a multi-year transition to a fleet where our vehicles, including commercial trucks, state-operated vehicles, and the buses that serve our State will be cleaner, quieter, more fuel efficient and more reliable. Thanks to President Obama and a Congress that understands the dire need to invest in our green infrastructure, these grants represent yet another installment on a long-term commitment to sustainable transportation in Maryland."

The Maryland Hybrid Truck Goods Movement Initiative will provide financial and technical assistance to the high profile fleets of ARAMARK, Efficiency Enterprises, Nestle Waters of North America, Sysco Corporation and United Parcel Service to facilitate the implementation of the largest collaborative hybrid truck project in the nation. The Maryland HT Goods Movement Initiative's partners, in the spirit of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, have worked extensively over the last several months to develop the optimal approach to reduce emissions, petroleum consumption and economic strain in the communities they serve and intend for this project to serve as a model for other goods movement hybrid deployment projects.

"Maryland continues to lead by example with clean energy advancements needed to promote energy independence, improve our air, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and stimulate the economy," remarked MEA Director Malcolm Woolf. "This 150 hybrid truck deployment project will inspire further local and nationwide initiatives to accelerate our transition to a post-petroleum economy."

Clean Cities is a government-industry partnership that works to reduce America's petroleum consumption in the transportation sector. Over the last 15 years, the Clean Cities program has established local coalitions across the country that promote the growth of alternative fuels and showcase the potential of advanced and energy efficient vehicles.

The final details and funding level of this project is subject to modification based on further contract negotiations between Maryland and the U.S. DOE.